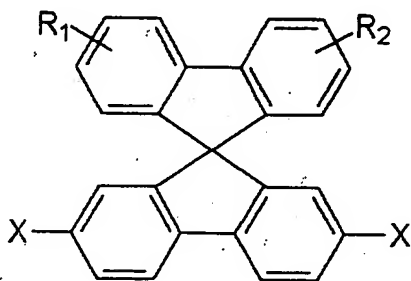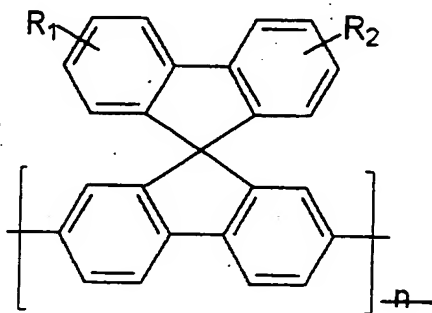# AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A compound defined by the following formula:

wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are independently a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, ~~or an aryl group substituted by C_1-C_{22}-alkyl~~, and at least one of the R_1 and R_2 ~~contains one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, Si and Ge, and X is halogen, boric acid or boric ester~~ is a polar group containing an ether bond.

[2.   (Cancelled)]

3.   (Currently Amended) The compound of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein at least one of the R_1 and R_2 contains 2 to 5 oxygen atoms forming an ether bond on every two carbons.

4.   (Currently Amended) An electroluminescence (EL) polymer comprising repeating units of the following formula:

wherein R_1 and R_2 are identical or different and are independently a straight-chain or branched alkyl group having from 1 to 22 carbon atoms, ~~or an aryl group substituted by C_1-C_{22} alkyl~~, and at least one of the R_1 and R_2 ~~contains one or more atoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, Si and Ge~~ <u>is a polar group containing an ether bond</u>.

[5.   (Cancelled)]

6.   (Currently Amended)   The EL polymer of claim ~~5~~ <u>4</u>, wherein at least one of the R_1 and R_2 contains 2 to 5 oxygen atoms forming an ether bond on every two carbons.

7.   (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein the R_1 and R_2 are at positions 3' and 6', respectively.

8.   (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein the R_1 and R_2 are at positions 1' and 6', respectively.

9.   (Original) The EL polymer of claim 4, wherein at least one of the R_1 and R_2 is 3,6-dioxaheptyloxy or 3,6,9-trioxadecyloxy.

10.   (Currently Amended)   An electroluminescence element comprising:
        a cathode;
        an anode; and
        a light-emitting layer interposed between the cathode and the anode and containing the EL polymer as claimed in one of claims 4 <u>and 6</u> through 9.